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SUBJECT: LACK OF IMMEDIATE REACTION TO PRESIDENT' S ENERGY MESSAGE

REF: CARACAS 3498

1. ALTHOUGH A WEEK HAS GONE BY SINCE PRESIDENT NIXON' S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS ON US ENERGY PROBLEMS, VENEZUELAN AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN NOTICEABLY RETICENT IN VOICING ANY REACTION. THEY HAVE PUBLICLY STATED THAT THEY WISH CAREFULLY TO STUDY NOT ONLY THE MESSAGE BUT ITS ANCILLARY REGULATIONS BEFORE COMING TO CONCLUSIONS; BUT UNDOUBTEDLY THEIR INITIAL REACTION IS ONE OF RELIEF THAT NOTHING DRASTIC WILL BE IMPOSED UPON THE VENEZUELAN PETROLEUM TRADE WITH THE UNITED STATES, WITH THE SOLE EXCEPTION OF THE LIFTING OF HEMISPHERIC PREFERENCE FOR PUERTO RICO. VENEZUELAN ARE UNDOUBTEDLY RELIEVED THAT AT LEAST TACITLY THEY WILL RETAIN HEMISPHERIC PREFERENCE FOR 5 0,000 B/ D OF NUMBER TWO FUEL OIL; AND CVP WILL BE PLEASED AT FREEING OF LIMITATIONS ON IMPORT OF ASPHALT. OUR GUESS IS THAT WITH THIS INCENTIVE CVP WILL GO AHEAD WITH ITS PLANS FOR A MODEST ASPHALT REFINERY IN EASTERN VENEZUELA.

2. YESTERDAY FONMIN CALCANI THANKED ME FOR SENDING OVER TEXT OF PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS, BUT SAID THAT HE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE EXPERT ADVICE FROM AMBASSADOR SOSA
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RODRIGUEZ BEFORE FORMULATING HIS OWN CONCLUSIONS.
HERE AGAIN IS EVIDENCE THAT CALVANI AT LEAST RELIES UPON SOSA
RODRIGR HAS ITS SHARE OF SCREWBALLS TOO.
KEATHLEY
UNQUOTE ROCKWELL

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